

SELECTMEN'S AGENDA AND MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Yves Daigle, Jacques Couture, Richard Degre, MaryLou Jacobs, LaDonna Dunn, Connie LaPlume, Mike Piper, Scott Dunn, Joanne Beloin and Marielle Tetreault

2. Review minutes of last meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

3. Dog ordinance – adoption

Dave Snedecker sent several options for wording in the dog ordinance. Connie will check with Dave to find out how we adopt the amended ordinance. The adoption of ordinance will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. LWCF Reimbursement, update

A check was received in the amount of \$31,855.61. This is less the 10% with held by the LWCF until an inspection following the completion of the walking path.

The path will be six feet wide. It will be completed before the end of November.

5. Town office tax box

The box will be checked in the morning when the office is opened.

6. Town garage furnace and repairs

The board feels the security light should be moved from the building to a pole. This would eliminate the staining on the building caused by spiders and insects that are attracted to the light. Richard will look into getting a pole and having it set up.

The overhead doors have damaged panels. The panels are the two bottom ones. Yves will call Overhead Doors and ask about repairing these panels.

There were two bids for the furnace.

Rondeau - \$7,668.

Nadeau - \$7,285.

Rondeau's quote was for the duct work to be on the ceiling. His suggestion was for a metalbestos chimney.

Nadeau's quote was for the duct work to be on the walls. His suggestion was for a block chimney. He stated metalbestos is not a safe choice.

Motion by Jacques to have Rondeau does the work using the suggestion of placing the duct work on the walls. This was seconded by Richard. So moved.

The chimney decision will be made at a later date.

7. Joanne Beloin – requested to be on the agenda

Joanne was present to discuss the E-Vermont program. She would like to make the community center a “hotspot” for computer access. There is grant money available that would cover the expense for two years with Comcast. Joanne is the contact person. The board gave her permission to have the connection process completed at the Westfield Community Center.

Motion by Richard, seconded by Jacques to allow the center to be used. So moved.

8. Penalties for late filed homestead.

Currently, the board feels there is no problem due to the fact that late filers are a very small percentage of the Westfield tax payers. They will review this article at the end of the year when the 2011 tax year is completed to get a more exact number.

Motion by Yves and seconded by Richard to not charge a penalty on late filers. So moved.

9. FEMA – Hurricane Irene disaster

Yves attended a meeting in Lyndonville on 9-12-11 regarding funding for damages caused by hurricane Irene. He stated that 75% of the funding will come from the Federal Government with 12 ½ to 15% coming from the State. A form was filled out to be faxed to Chris at the Newport AOT.

10. Citation from Green Mt Power.

The Town was served a Citation stating a hearing will be held at the Lowell Town Office on Sept 22nd beginning at 10:45. This is regarding Green Mt Power and the land owners in Westfield that have not signed off for the right of way VT Electric and Green Mt Power require for the upgrade of the lines.

11. Review Town Policy- review what has been completed to date.

Connie had what she has completed to date on the Westfield Office Policy. The board reviewed it. Nothing is finalized and Connie will continue to work on the policy and keep the board updated. At some point the board will make recommendations, corrections, and deletions before they adopt it. This policy covers the office, employees and elected officials that are paid by the Town of Westfield. No action was required or taken at this time. It was for review only.

12. Other business

Marielle Tetreault was present in response to the board asking her to attend to discuss the hours the Library/Museum is open. Yves said people are confused as to the hours of operation.

It was decided that a sandwich board would be purchased and placed on the lawn stating open hours.

The building will now be open Tuesday and Thursday 11:00-5:00 and Saturday 9:00-12:00.

Marielle felt that for winter hours this is a good solution, but that once school is out, it may be wise to close on Saturday. This will be considered in the spring.

MaryLou is concerned that the orders are not getting signed in a timely fashion. She asked that the board come in on Thursdays to sign orders.

13. To adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Jacques and Richard agreed. So moved.

Minutes taken by Connie LaPlume CVC

Yves Daigle – chair

Richard Degre

Jacques Couture